

# Trade, industry hail budget

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Trade and industry leaders in Telangana welcomed the interim budget 2019-20, presented on Friday, for the proposals aimed at benefiting small farmers, tax relief intended for middle class as well as the emphasis on technology adoption.

Senior vice-president of FTAPCCI Karunendra S. Jasti said the interim budget was "encouraging to every sector... has taken care of most aspects such as growth, rural poor, urban middle class and farmers".

Executive chairman of Cyient and former chairman of Nasscom B.V.R. Mohan Reddy said the budget laid a lot of emphasis on technology adoption and penetration - with its proposals to have one lakh digital villages, electronic tax return assessment, digitisation for customs transactions and support to CSCs to render digital services. He welcomed the announcement of a National Centre for Artificial Intelligence.

Chairman of CII Telangana, Sanjay Singh, said being an election year, the budget was on the expected lines.